At its July 8, 2009, meeting the Morristown Town Council approved and adopted the following Ordinance governing the use of golf carts within Morristown's municipal boundaries:

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN, INDIANA, GOVERNING THE USE OF GOLF CARTS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ind. Code §§9-21-1-3 and -3.3, the Town of Morristown, Indiana ("Morristown") has the authority to adopt regulations governing the use of golf carts within its municipal boundaries.

WHEREAS, the use of golf carts on streets within Morristown's municipal boundaries has increased in recent years.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Morristown to establish an ordinance governing the use of golf carts in Morristown.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MORRISTOWN TOWN COUNCIL, as follows:

1. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

For the purpose of this chapter the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

- (a) Golf Cart: A vehicle with four wheels originally designed for operation on a golf course and powered by a battery or internal combustion motor.
- (b) Driver's License: A valid license to operate a motor vehicle issued by the state of Indiana or any other state.
- (c) Financial Responsibility: Liability insurance coverage on a golf cart in an amount not less than required by Indiana law for motor vehicles operated on public highways in the State of Indiana.

2. OPERATION OF GOLF CART

The operation of a golf cart within Morristown's municipal boundaries is strictly prohibited unless the golf cart is operated and equipped in full compliance with this Chapter.

3. OPERATOR

Only persons over sixteen (16) years of age and holding a valid driver's license may operate a golf cart.

4 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The financial ability of the operator or owner notwithstanding, the operator of a golf cart must show financial responsibility when operating a golf cart. Written proof of financial responsibility must be available either on the golf cart or carried by the operator at all times.

5. SLOW MOVING VEHICLE SIGN

All golf carts must display on the back of the golf cart a "slow moving vehicle" sign of the same type required under Indiana Law.

6. OPERATION AT NIGHT

Golf carts shall not be operated one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.

7. OCCUPANTS

The number of occupants in a golf cart shall be limited to the number of persons for whom factory seating is installed and provided on the golf cart. The operator and all occupants shall be seated in the golf cart and no part of the body of the operator or occupant shall extend outside the perimeter of the golf cart while the golf cart is being operated.

8. TRAFFIC RULES

The operator of the golf cart shall comply with all traffic rules and regulations adopted by the State of Indiana and Morristown which govern the operation of motor vehicles.

9. PENALTY

A violation of any provision of this Chapter shall constitute a violation of the Morristown Code. An owner, lessee or operator may be cited to appear in a court of competent jurisdiction by issuance of an Indiana Uniform Traffic Ticket. Upon a finding by such court that an owner, lessee or operator of a golf cart has violated any provision of this Chapter, such person shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$200.00 for each offense along with Court costs in the amount same now exists or may hereafter be determined by ordinance or statute.